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# REPORT

OF THE

## GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME

### FOR CHILDREN.



JANUARY 1, 1909.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

# Gwynne Temporary Home for Children

(46 WORCESTER STREET, BOSTON)

FOR THE YEAR 1908

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BOSTON  
THOMAS GROOM & CO.  
105 STATE STREET  
1909

This institution was first started as a Home in January, 1847, on Albany Street, was incorporated as the Temporary Home for the Destitute by an Act of Incorporation passed February 27, 1852, and moved to Kneeland Street in 1853.

In the Act of Incorporation it was stated to be "for the purpose of affording shelter and support to children and other persons destitute of a home, until more permanent provision can be made for them."

By an additional act passed May 16, 1865, "The Board of Managers of the Temporary Home for the Destitute shall have authority to receive into their house such children as they may deem suitable objects for charity, and also to accept a surrender in writing by the father, and when there is no father, by the mother, and when there is no father or mother, by the guardian of any child or children, to the care and direction of said corporation; and to bind out in virtuous families until the age of twenty-one years, any boy or boys thus surrendered, and, until the age of eighteen years, any female child or children thus surrendered." Under this Act infants were first taken December 25, 1871.

In 1871 the Home was moved to Pine Street Place, and again in 1884 to 46-48 Worcester Street, its present location.

By an Act passed March 9, 1888, the name of the Institution was changed to

"THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN."

## OFFICERS FOR 1909.

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President,

JOHN D. WILLIAMS,  
160 STATE STREET.

Vice-President,

WILLIAM FAXON, JR.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM FAXON, JR.,  
6 BEACON STREET.

Counsellors,

MISS M. C. STEVENSON,      MISS A. C. AYRES.

Clerk,

EZRA H. BAKER.

Managers,

JAN.	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.	MISS C. P. NOYES.
FEB.	GEORGE B. DEWSON.	MRS. ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.
MAR.	C. L. DENORMANDIE.	MRS. G. S. CURTIS.
APR.	ROBERT S. STURGIS.	MISS MIRIAM P. HAMLEN.
MAY	HERBERT CLARK.	MRS. ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN.
JUNE	GEORGE C. CHANEY.	MRS. G. W. WHEELWRIGHT.
JULY	WILLIAM FAXON, JR.	MRS. WILLIAM FAXON, JR.
AUG.	EZRA H. BAKER.	MRS. CHAS. HOPKINSON.
SEPT.	ARTHUR H. DAKIN.	MRS. W. W. BLACKMAR.
OCT.	NATHANIEL N. THAYER.	MRS. NATHANIEL N. THAYER.
Nov.	ARTHUR W. MOORS.	MISS ELIZABETH B. BROWN.
DEC.	DR. J. PAYSON CLARK.	MRS. GEORGE B. DEWSON.

Assistant Managers,

MISS ELEANOR G. MAY.      MISS ELIAZBETH R. TYSON.  
EVERETT B. HORN.      MISS MARY O. CLARK.

RALPH MAY.

Matron,

MISS FLORENCE C. PEARSON.

## COMMITTEES FOR 1909.

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### School.

Mrs. BLACKMAR.

Mrs. FAXON.

Mrs. WADSWORTH.

### Repairs and Furnishings.

Miss BROWN.

Mrs. FAIRBAIRN.

Mr. THAYER.

### Supplies.

Mr. DENORMANDIE.

Dr. CLARK.

### Finance.

Mr. WILLIAMS.

Mr. FAXON.

Mr. BAKER.

### Printing Annual Report.

Mr. WILLIAMS.

Mr. FAXON.

Mr. BAKER.

### Distributing Annual Report.

Mrs. DEWSON.

Mrs. WADSWORTH.

### Hygiene and Food.

Dr. CLARK.

Mrs. CURTIS.

Mr. STURGIS.

## REPORT FOR 1908.

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The Managers of the Gwynne Temporary Home for Children have the honor to present their report for the past year—the sixty-second of its existence—a year not distinguished from others by uncommon occurrences, but like every year presenting in new forms the same problems for solution.

In narrating the history of the past year, the statistics may be condensed into a statement of a few facts and figures. There have been no deaths; the work of the Home has been interrupted for a few weeks because of an outbreak of measles; one child has been taken from the Home for adoption; the children have been, we believe, well cared for, the younger in carefully selected homes, the older in the Home itself. This record so similar to the records of many former years and so soon told, is nevertheless full of interest, for the care of children coming to us from parents who are shiftless or unfortunate, discouraged or hopeless, of races new to us but old to the world, of any race or creed, calls for careful supervision and wise judgment. Our main object is to give temporary aid to families in distress, and by providing the children with a pleasant, healthful home to offer the parents an opportunity to regain their health and strength free from anxiety for their children. The latter are generally with us for a few weeks or month

at a time, but in some cases are kept longer when the circumstances warrant a more prolonged stay, especially if the illness of parents be long continued.

The sickness of the parents often warns us to watch for indications of inherited tendency in the children and thus while disclaiming all intentions of being a hospital or a home for invalid children, we are necessarily obliged to watch for indications of disease and to guard against it. Then too we must constantly remember to encourage the parents to keep their families united and to strengthen the feeling of responsibility they should have for their children. In brief, it is impossible to set a fixed limit to our work—even if we so desired—or to disregard the problems presented. We need, therefore, many younger friends to join with us in the management of our Home, not only to fill the gaps caused by the death of so many of our older friends, but to help us with their new ideas and enthusiasm, and thus make the Gwynne Home an ever continuing influence for good in the city.

Our thanks are due to the generous contributors, to our friends and to the friends who have made special gifts, of whom we would especially mention: Herford Club of the Arlington Street Church; Mr. A. R. Rogers, for an invitation for the children to attend the Food Fair; Barnard Memorial, for an invitation to the children's party at Mechanics Hall on Washington's Birthday; Boston Elevated Railway Co., for two hundred car tickets.

We cordially thank the matron, the visiting physician, and all the employees of the Home for their faithful work during the year.

Children in the Home December 30, 1907 . . .	19
Received during 1907-8 . . . . .	296
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	315
Placed in other institutions . . . . .	41
Placed for adoption . . . . .	1
Returned to parents and friends . . . .	<u>238</u>
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	280
Remaining in Home December 28, 1908.	35
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	315

BOSTON, December 28, 1908.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

All signers of the Constitution and By-Laws who shall have contributed for two successive years to the funds of the Corporation shall be members; and membership shall cease on failure for one year so to contribute.

### ARTICLE II.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday of December (or if that is a holiday, on the Tuesday following), at such hour and place as the President and Clerk shall appoint. Notice shall be given in a daily paper published in Boston seven days at least before the meeting. A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Clerk, Treasurer, twenty-four Managers, and not less than five Assistant Managers, shall be chosen by ballot at this meeting to serve for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Board of Managers, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, may fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE III.

#### BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Managers shall be one half gentlemen and one half ladies, and shall with the Assistant Managers and

other officers (named in Article II), constitute a Board of Control, which shall have entire charge of the affairs of the Corporation, including power to authorize a committee of three of the members of the Board to make contracts, and to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of its property, real and personal. The Board shall fix the times and places for its meetings, and, unless otherwise determined by said Board, shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or if this should be a holiday, then on the following Tuesday. The Board of Control shall appoint two Managers, a gentleman and a lady, a committee for each month; shall appoint a school committee, a committee on repairs, a committee on supplies, and a committee on finance who shall also act as an auditing committee; and shall have power to fill all vacancies. Any person who shall have served for ten consecutive years on the Board shall be eligible, on resignation, to the office of Counsellor, with a vote in the Board when present. The Assistant Managers may act on committees for the month, or otherwise assist the work of the Home.

## ARTICLE IV.

### COMMITTEES OF THE MONTH.

During the month which shall begin immediately after the monthly meeting, the committee of the month shall have charge of the Home, including, in consultation with the matron, the admission, discharge, and placing the inmates.

## ARTICLE V.

### MATRON, ASSISTANT MATRON, TEACHER AND HOUSEKEEPER.

The Matron shall be chosen by the Board of Control; she shall have entire charge of the Home and its inmates, under the direction of the Board of Control, including

power to employ and dismiss servants. The Assistant Matron, Teacher, and Housekeeper, when such are employed, shall be appointed by the Board of Control, but may be dismissed by the committee of the month, with the approval of the President.

## ARTICLE VI.

### QUORUM.

Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation or of the Board of Control.

## ARTICLE VII.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President, to be notified by the Clerk, in the same manner as the Annual Meeting; and of the Board of Control, by notice to each member through the Post Office, and these Meetings shall be called at any time, on the written application of not less than six members.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation at which the purpose to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall have been stated as one of the objects of the meeting.

## ARTICLE IX.

### OFFICERS' DUTIES.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Clerk, and Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of their offices. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting

and whenever requested by the President or Committee of Finance; and shall act under the direction of the Committee of Finance in making or changing investments. All bills shall be approved by at least one member of the committee. The Treasurer may employ a Collector.

## ARTICLE X.

### ADOPTION.

In all cases where children are adopted from this institution, the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to give the consent of this institution to such adoption, and to sign, in the name of this institution, all papers necessary to perfect the adoption of such children.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

## Dr. THE GWINNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN, in account with WILLIAM FAXON, Jr., Treas. Jr.

1908	Dec. 28.	To cash paid during the year for Provisions and Groceries, \$2,029.04	2,503.92	1907.	Dec. 30. To balance from old account, \$1,348.96	3.71
	Wages, . . . . .	287.86			Cash in hands of Matron, . . . . .	386.83
	Clothing, . . . . .	161.18			By subscriptions and donations, . . . . .	3,272.29
	Board of Children, . . . . .	550.32			Income from investments, . . . . .	64.27
	Infant Department, . . . . .	553.28			Interest on deposits, . . . . .	1,600.00
	Laundry, . . . . .	609.28			Income R. V. Ashton Trust, . . . . .	800.00
	Repairs, (including Ellis, Bartol and Trinity rooms)	38.00			Income "Thos. A. Goddard Memorial" Fund, . . . . .	10.00
	Water, . . . . .	445.91			Use of telephone, . . . . .	99.50
	Fuel, . . . . .	38.84			Board of children, . . . . .	
	Ice, . . . . .	88.88			Repairs of Ellis and Trinity rooms, . . . . .	
	Telephone, . . . . .	101.44			By legacies, . . . . .	39.00
	Gas, . . . . .	63.98			Est. David Simonds, . . . . .	500.00
	Insurance, . . . . .	46.75			" David H. Coolidge, . . . . .	500.00
	Printing, . . . . .	683.08			" Laura W. Prentice, . . . . .	650.00
	Incidentals, . . . . .				" Harriet W. Taber, . . . . .	84.48
	"Lowell-Thayer Fund" for Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners, . . . . .	20.00			Investments paid off or sold, . . . . .	1,734.48
	Investments, . . . . .	25,438.89			Over payment by Dana, . . . . .	23,881.25
	Cash in hands of Matron, . . . . .	7.36				448.81
	Balance, cash on hand, . . . . .	3,572.28				
	Repayment to Dana, . . . . .	448.81				
		\$37,689.10				

Examined and found correct,

J. D. WILLIAMS,

*One of the Auditing Committee.*

E. & O. E.

WILLIAM FAXON, Jr., Treasurer.

Boston, December 28th, 1908.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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- \*APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM  
BAKER, E. H.
- \*BARNES, Mrs. CHARLES B.
- \*BOND, Mrs. C. L.
- \*BRADLEE, Rev. CALEB D.  
BROWN, Mrs. JAMES
- \*BROWN, ATHERTON T.  
BROWN, Mrs. ATHERTON T.  
BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH B.
- CHAFFIN, Mrs. W. L.  
CHAFFIN, Rev. W. L.
- CHENEY, Mrs. ARTHUR
- CRUFTS, Miss H. C.
- CUSHING, Mrs. BENJAMIN
- \*DAVIS, Miss A. W.
- DENORMANDIE, Mrs. ROBERT
- \*DRAPER, Miss A. A.  
DUNCAN, Mrs. GEORGE
- \*FAULKNER, Mrs. CHARLES  
FIELD, Mrs. B. W.
- \*GILMORE, Mrs. ADDISON  
GODDARD, Mrs. WILLIAM  
GREW, Mrs. HENRY S.
- \*HAYWARD, Mrs. GEORGE P.  
HOLLINGSWORTH, Mrs. POLLY R.

\*Deceased

HOLLINGSWORTH, Miss ROSE  
HOMER, Miss MARY R.  
\*HOMER, Mrs. PETER T.  
HOMER, Mrs. J. T.  
HOOPER, Mrs. I. HARRIS  
\*HOVEY, Miss MARIAN  
JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.  
KENT, Mrs. HELENA M.  
\*KIMBALL, MOSES  
\*LAWRENCE, Mrs. AMOS. A.  
\*LINCOLN, Miss MARY K.  
MANN, Mrs. S. H.  
MARRS, Mrs. W. D. KINGSMILL  
\*MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES  
MORTON, Miss. SARAH B.  
NORCROSS, GRENVILLE H.  
\*RICE, HENRY ALLEN  
\*SHATTUCK, Mrs. GEORGE C.  
\*STEADMAN, Mrs. MARSHALL  
\*STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA  
\*STORER, Mrs. R. B.  
\*STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT  
\*THAYER, Mrs. C. L.  
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.  
\*WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.  
\*WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE  
\*WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

\*Deceased

## SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

1908.

Brewer, Miss Fanny	.	.	.	.	\$10.00
Blackmar, Mrs. W. W.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Brown, Miss Elizabeth B.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Bartol, Mrs. E. H.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Coolidge, John T.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Converse, Mrs. Costello C.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Cotton, Miss Elizabeth A.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	.	.	.	.	10.00
Hubbard, Mrs. Eliot	.	.	.	.	5.00
Kimball, Miss Hannah H.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Kimball, Miss H. W.	.	.	.	.	30.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	.	.	.	.	10.00
May, Miss E. G.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Mass. Charitable Fire Society	.	.	.	.	50.00
Nickerson, Andrew	.	.	.	.	10.00
Pickman, Mrs. Dudley L.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Robinson, J. C.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Storer, Misses A. M. & M. G.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Tompkins, Mrs. Orlando	.	.	.	.	5.00
Turner, Miss Abby W.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Tuckerman, Mrs. C. S.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Unitarian Sunday School, No. Easton	.	.	.	.	26.83
Wheelwright, George W.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Williams, John D.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Williams, Miss Adelia C.	.	.	.	.	10.00
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					\$386.83

## DONATIONS TO THE HOME, 1908.

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Ladies' Benevolent Society, Second Church, Copley Square.—Fifty-nine garments.

Miss H. W. Kendall.—Afghan.

Sewing Circle of 1873, through Miss Lucy Parsons.—Fifteen garments.

Miss Levi.—Four boxes cookies.

Herford Club, Arlington St. Church.—Easter Lily.

King's Chapel Employment Society.—One hundred and seventy garments.

Rev. D. W. Waldron.—Forty Easter cards.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham.—Nineteen garments and four handkerchiefs.

Roy and Harry Sanderson.—Two barrels apples and can syrup.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—School-room supplies, picture cards and barrel apples.

Cambridge Sewing Club, through Miss Cogswell.—Forty-five garments.

Mr. G. H. Norcross.—Eighteen chairs and two rockers for the nursery.

The Misses Storer.—Packing boxes.

Jamaica Plain Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.—Thirty-four garments and side elastics.

Miss E. B. Brown.—Money for girls dresses.

Mrs. A. H. Balcome.—Three boxes fruit.

## CHRISTMAS.

Mr. F. E. Blanchard.—Nuts, fruit and Christmas tree.

Mrs. M. L. Houston.—Clothing and dressed doll.

Mr. F. W. Pearson.—Christmas novelties.

Mr. E. W. Stuber.—Several boxes candy.

Miss E. B. Brown.—Money for Christmas gifts and Christmas tree decorations.

No. Easton Unity Church Sunday School.—Large box books, games, toys, fruit and barrel vegetables.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—Mirrors, doll, picture and money for Christmas gifts.

Miss M. O. Clark.—Christmas cards.

Mrs. R. B. Fairbairn.—Money for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright.—Money for Christmas gifts.

Dr. J. P. Clark.—Money for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. N. N. Thayer.—Christmas gifts.

The Misses Storer.—Box clothing, hoods, mittens and toys.









